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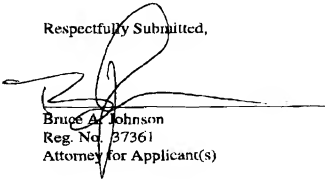
Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected some of the claims based on the prior art. The remainder of the claims (claims 2-7, 10-12, 18-19, and 22-24) would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form.

Allowable claim 2 has been rewritten as amended claim 1. Allowable claim 10 has been rewritten as amended claim 9. Also note that the word "matched" that appeared in original dependent claim 10 is not included in amended claim 9 since it appears in original dependent claim 12. Allowable claim 18 has been rewritten as amended claim 14. Allowable claim 22 has been rewritten as amended claim 20. Dependent claims 2, 10, 18, 21, and 22 have been canceled. Several claims have been amended to depend from non-canceled claims. No amendments were made to distinguish prior art.

It is respectfully submitted that all claims are patentable over the prior art. It is further more respectfully submitted that all other matters have been addressed and remedied and that the application is in form for allowance. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Bruce A. Johnson, Applicants' Attorney at 512-301-9900 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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